



### **Marketing Evolution**

For the series discussion: American Way of Doing Business

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#### **Agenda**



- Marketing in the emerging market of Vietnam
- Product vs. Service marketing
- Marketing in the social networking era
- What can be learnt from American marketing
- Q&A



### Last session: economic concerns



- Over-heated urbanization and industrialization has resulted in property bubble
- Financial sector distorted by ease of financebanking regulation
- Human resources development always a matter of concern
- Long term competitiveness: lack of attention on science-technology development

### Restoring economic dynamism!



### Marketing in Vietnam then



- Before 1987 same as "Entrepreneur" "Marketing" was bad, associated with "Smuggler" or "Smuggling"
- "Cửa hàng", "Bách hóa" were key words for "collective", state enterprise" marketing
- "Thực phẩm" Food, "Dầu lửa" Kerosene, "Rau hoa quả" – Groceries were most wanted





#### Marketing in Vietnam now



- From single to an ocean of media: TV channels, news papers, magazines
- From street poster to road side billboard
- From human promoter to digital media
- From sport event to movie stars





## American changed Vietnam's marketing landscape



- Led by F&B: Pepsi, Coke, FMCG: P&G, Colgate;
   Techno: Microsoft, IBM; Health care:
   Johnson&Johnson, Education: Harvard...
- Stringent quality assurance: FDA, CHEA
- Created by world class agencies: Ogilvy, Saatchi...
- Engined by Hollywood: DieHard, Toy Story...
- Market researches by Nielsen, TNS

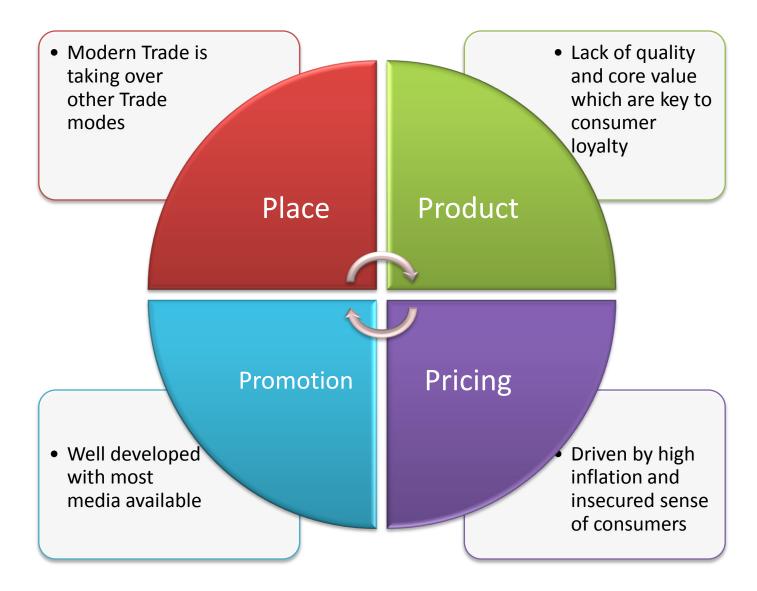
#### **American Dreams**





#### Looking at marketing mix







#### **Product: Made in Vietnam**



Top foreign and VN brands 2011



SONY

















### Pricing: Discount is most preferred



Economic slows and high inflation





#### **Promotion: all media**



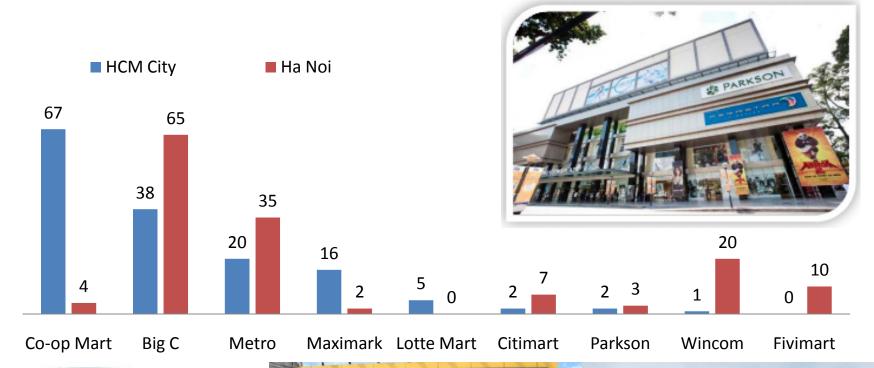
- Sport, music, movie, beauty contest...
- Shops, showrooms, supermarkets
- Billboard, posters, shop panel,
- Sampling, promoter, catalog, PR
- Web site, social media Lack of Artistics





#### **Distribution channel**



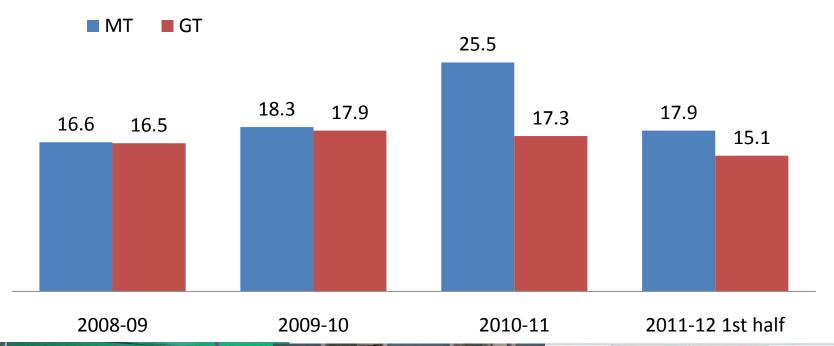






#### Modern trades go fast



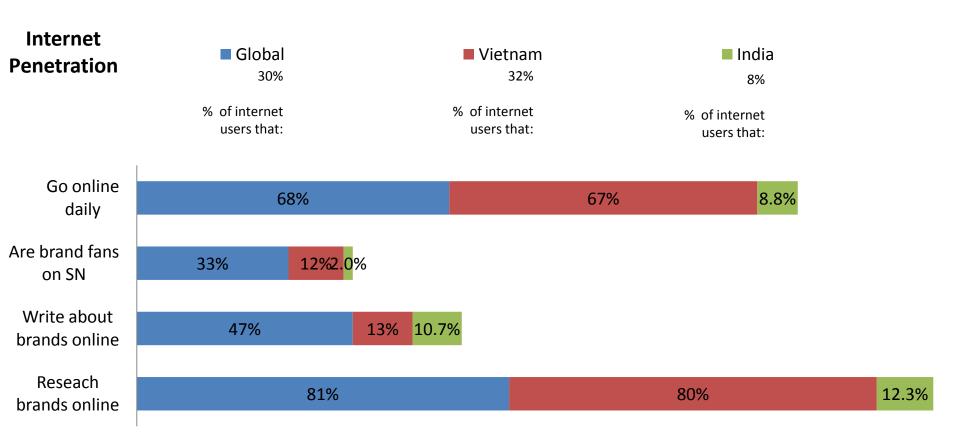






#### Vietnam goes online





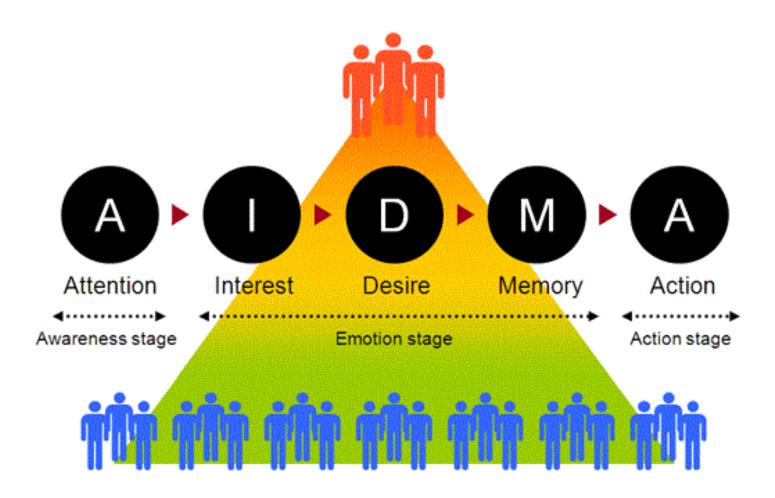
# Vietnamese consumers often go online before buying



#### **Traditional marketing**



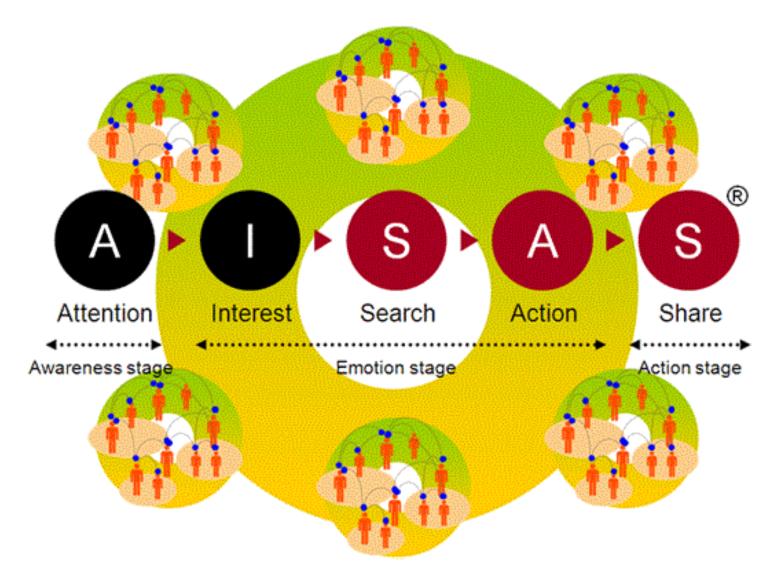
#### Before Digital





#### Digital era consumerism



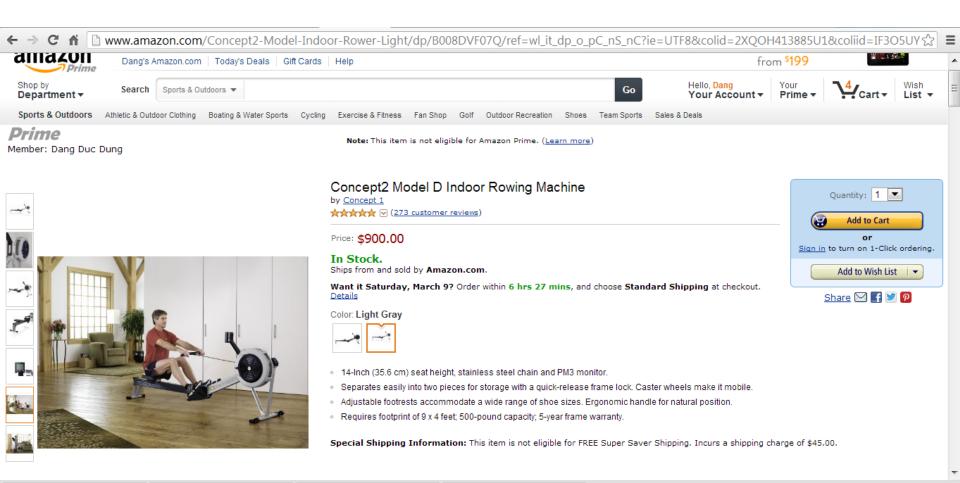




#### US firms are leading online



Amazon is a smartest online shopping system





### Old day sharing cycle













## The most powerful gesture of human kind







#### **Product marketing**



- Kangaroo: from water filtration to nearly 200 products
- Creative and crazy idea: A big bang-bang midnight made brand boom which in turn enabled high price strategy
- Well-functioned Creative Center: Branding
   Specialist, Designers, Copywriters, Billboard/Poster negotiator, Showroom
   Deco, Web/Social media master, in-house media
- Well-balanced of MT: champion of most supermarket chain vs GT: coverage from Hagiang to Camau, from Dienbien to Daklak, Phnompenh to Myanmar





#### Service marketing



- HCM University of Industry from 1,000 students in 1997 to 130,000 in 2011
- Upgrade from Secondary Technical School into College by 1999, into University by 2004
- Earliest and long serving International Program with Australian TAFE and Canadian SIAST systems
- Showcase for politicians, industries, foreign partners
- Friends of media, web site, Robocon, customer services...
- Pursuit of corporate governance, improved quality, geographical expansion, modernization and internationalization



## Key challenges in Vietnamese enterprises



- Relationship management:
   Government, family, labor, customer
- Access to resources: land, capital, technologies
- Operational skills: accountability, neglecting R&D, IPR, Quality, ICT and marketing

Relationship management

Access to resources

Operational Skills



### America is marketing haven







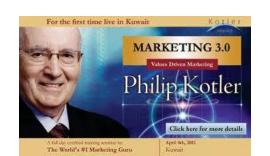
### Most of Marketing Genius are from America



- Steve Jobs: chairman, cofounder and CEO of Apple Inc., whose marketing style is considered by some to be aggressive and demanding
- Malcom Gladwell: his book "The Tipping Point" is excellent for PR, marketing or communication professionals
- Philip Kotler: his book "A Framework for Marketing Management" is most popular in the business schools around the globe
- Michael Porter: author of "Competitive Strategy", one of his quotes is as follows "The essence of strategy is choosing what not to do."











#### What can be learnt from American business

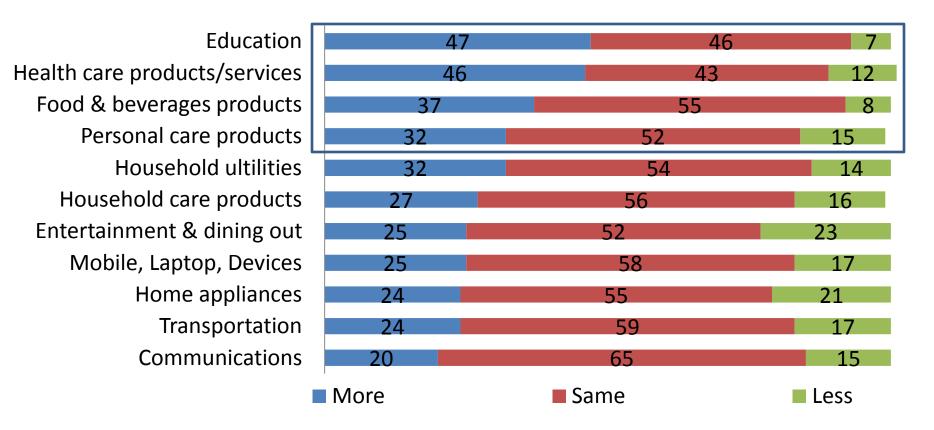


- Professionalism: management approach, HRD, lobby, customer care
- Operational excellence: logistics, accounting, ICT, marketing
- Innovation: product improvement, R&D, glocalization



#### The way forward





Discounted, low price goods will be main driver for next few years Consumer loyalty: quality and core value needs to be targeted Education, health care, F&B, personal care products 4 key growths







#### **QUESTIONS!**